


REMARKS

The Examiner's courtesy and cooperation in a telephone interview on June 9, 2006, are appreciatively acknowledged.

As a result of the foregoing amendment, the terms "predetermined" and "-type" have been deleted from the claims. As discussed with the Examiner, it is believed that this amendment obviates the rejection of Claims 1 and 3 under the second paragraph of 35 U.S.C. §112. The Examiner's indication of the presence of allowable subject matter as to Claims 2 and 4-18 is appreciated. Inasmuch as it is believed that this Amendment places Claims 1 and 3 in condition for allowance, it is submitted that all of the claims are now in condition for allowance and prompt notice to that effect is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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